

GEN. LEE AFTER GETTYSBURG.
A LETTER TO JEFFERSON DAVIS OFFERING TO REBELLION.

afford the colored people equal participation as far as practicable in the benefits of the public schools.

Last year there were in the State of Alabama 2,610 free public schools for white children, and 1,288 for colored children. The number of white children was 91,202, and of colored children 54,595; total, 145,797. It required 2,675 teachers for white schools, and 1,296 for the colored schools. The amount of money expended on the white schools was \$2,82,389 87, and the amount on the colored schools was \$207,101 92.

TWO LEADERS.

BY A. C. SWINBURNE.

Great and wise, clear-sounding and high of heart,
The noble flower of Conquest, that grows
With such a stately, though only thornless rose,
From the fierce juggling of the pestile hounds.
Yet when I look upon it, unscathed, and apart,
From the blind hard foul rot whose shameless shows
Mock the eyes and ears, and the seigneur's art;
I see no man now known to me who
Can like a storm out of the Northern town,
Strong, wrought of rock that breaks and beats the sea.
And thinner, louder, louder, rhyme for rhyme
As though an ocean's thought to overturn the tides of time
And bid the world's wave break—what song should be
That with praise would bring and sing you home!

I know how none we are to censure, and how ready to blame others for the non-fulfillment of our expectations. This is unbecoming in a generous people, and I grieve to see its expression. The general remedy for the want of spirit in the army is to command more and more. This is natural, and in many instances nearer. Ever, no matter what may be the conduct of the officer, if he loses the confidence of his troops, disaster must sooner or later ensue.

I have been prompted by these reflections more than once since my return from Pemba, to propose to your Excellency the propriety of selecting another commander for this army. I have seen and heard of expressions of dissatisfaction with the available journals as the result of the expedition. I do not know for this feeling extends in the army. My brother officers have been too kind to report it, and so far the troops have been too generous to exhibit it. It is fair, however, to suppose that it does exist, and success is so necessary to us that nothing should be risked to secure it. Therefore, in all sincerity, request your Excellency to take the following steps, as far as may please him:

I do this with the more earnestness because no one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire. How can I fulfill the expectations of others? In addition I sensible feel that the growing failure of my health has done me no good yet recovered from the sick bed I experienced the past Spring. I am becoming more and more incapable of exertion, and thus prevented from making the personal examinations and giving the personal supervision to the operations in the field which I feel to be necessary. I am so dull in making use of the eyes of others I am frequently misled. Every thing therefore points to the advantages to be derived from a new commander, and I the more anxiously urge this matter upon your Excellency from my belief that a younger and more energetic man could readily be younger, I know that he will have as gallant and brave a army as ever existed to second his efforts, and it would be the happiest day of my life to see at its head a worthy leader; one that would accomplish more than I could perform, and all that I have wished. I hope your Excellency will attribute my request to the true reason, the desire to serve my country, and to do all in my power to insure the success of her right.

I have no complaints to make of any one but myself. I have received nothing but kindness from those above me and the most considerate attention to my commands and companions in arms. To your Excellency I am specially indebted, and find kindness and courtesy. You have done everything in your power to me in the work committed to my charge without omitting anything to promote the general welfare. I pray that you

glory may at length be crowned with success, and that you may long live to enjoy the thanks of a grateful people.

With sentiments of great esteem I am very respectfully yours truly,

R. E. LEE, General.
His Excellency Jefferson Davis, Pres. Confed. States.

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The Baptists of Tennessee propose to celebrate the Centennial year by raising \$200,000 for the Baptist University recently located at Jackson. The city has already subscribed \$150,000.

The memorial building at Union College is approaching completion. It will be used as an art gallery and a library. An article descriptive of Union College will appear, it is said, in "Scribner's Monthly" in the fall.

The report of the State University of Indiana shows that it has 425 students in all its departments, and it is in a highly prosperous condition. The chemical laboratory is said to be the most complete in the West.

Kansas has 879,652 acres of school lands yet unclaimed, not including the land in six counties which made no return. It is valued on an average at \$5 per acre, and when sold will add about \$5,000,000 to the common school fund.

An effort is to be made at the present session of the Legislature of Massachusetts to repeal that part of the Constitution which forbids the President and professors of Harvard College holding seats in the General Court.

Harvard College received subscriptions and gifts amounting to \$215,800 during the year 1875. The total amount of funds Aug. 31, 1875, was \$3,430,117.

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